

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In the image reading method, a film having images recorded in a plurality of frames in a longitudinal direction is transported to read the images photoelectrically at an image reading position by an image reading device. This method transports the film in a first direction along a read and transport path including the image reading position to perform a first image reading for reading the images by the image reading device, returns a forward end of the film to the read and transport path on an entry or exit side of the read and transport path after the first image reading has been finished, and transports the film along the read and transport path in the first direction or in a second direction opposite to the first direction to perform a second image reading in which the images are read by the image reading device at the image reading position in a sequence of frames that was applied to the first image reading.